

In the Claims:

Listing of all claims:

1                   1.   (Currently Amended) A welding type power  
2                   source capable of receiving a range of input voltages  
3                   and frequencies, comprising:  
4                         an input circuit configured to receive an  
5                   input power signal having an input frequency and an  
6                   input magnitude and provide a first signal having a  
7                   magnitude responsive to the input magnitude;  
8                         a preregulator configured to receive the first  
9                   signal and provide a dc second signal having a  
10                  preregulator magnitude independent of the input  
11                  magnitude;  
12                         an output circuit configured to receive the dc  
13                  second signal and provide a welding type output power  
14                  signal having an output frequency independent of the  
15                  input frequency and having an output voltage independent  
16                  of the input voltage;  
17                         a preregulator controller, connected to the  
18                  preregulator, having a power factor correction circuit,  
19                  and further having a controller power input; and  
20                         a control power circuit configured to receive  
21                  the dc second signal and provide a control power signal  
22                  to the controller power input, wherein the controller  
23                  power signal has a control power magnitude independent  
24                  of the input magnitude and a control frequency  
25                  independent of the input frequency.

1                   2.   (Original)       The apparatus of claim 1,  
2                  wherein the input circuit includes a rectifier.

1                    3.    (Original)        The apparatus of claim 1,  
2    wherein the preregulator magnitude is greater than the first  
3    magnitude.

1                    4.    (Original)        The apparatus of claim 3,  
2    wherein the preregulator includes a boost converter.

1                    5.    (Original)        The apparatus of claim 4,  
2    wherein the boost converter includes a slow voltage switched  
3    switch and a slow current switched switch.

1                    6.    (Original)        The apparatus of claim 3,  
2    wherein the output circuit includes an inverter.

1                    7.    (Original)        The apparatus of claim 3  
2    wherein the output circuit includes a switched snubber.

1                    8.    (Original)        The apparatus of claim 3,  
2    wherein the preregulator magnitude is greater than the  
3    control power magnitude.

1                    9.    (Original)        The apparatus of claim 3  
2    wherein the control power circuit includes a buck converter.

10.    (Cancelled.)

1                    11.   (Currently Amended) A method of providing  
2    welding type power from a range of input voltages and  
3    frequencies, comprising:  
4                    receiving an input power signal having an  
5    input frequency and an input magnitude;  
6                    providing a first signal having a magnitude  
7    responsive to the input magnitude;

8                    converting and power factor correcting, by  
9                    controlling a switch, the first signal into a dc second  
10                   signal having a second magnitude independent of the  
11                   input magnitude;  
12                   providing an output power signal derived from  
13                   the dc second signal, wherein the output power signal is  
14                   a welding type output and has an output frequency  
15                   independent of the input frequency and further has an  
16                   output voltage independent of the input voltage; and  
17                   converting the dc second signal into control  
18                   power, wherein the control power has a control power  
19                   magnitude independent of the input magnitude.

1                   12. (Original)            The method of claim 11, wherein  
2                   providing a first signal includes rectifying an ac signal.

1                   13. (Original)            The method of claim 11, wherein  
2                   the second magnitude is greater than the first magnitude.

1                   14. (Original)            The method of claim 13, wherein  
2                   converting the first signal into a dc second signal includes  
3                   boost converting the first signal.

1                   15. (Original)            The method of claim 13, wherein  
2                   boost converting the first signal includes a slow voltage  
3                   switching and slow current switching a switch.

1                   16. (Original)            The method of claim 13, wherein  
2                   providing an output power signal includes inverting the dc  
3                   second signal.

1                   17. (Original)            The method of claim 13 wherein  
2                   inverting the dc second signal includes switching a snubber.

1                   18. (Original)       The method of claim 13, wherein  
2 the second magnitude is greater than the control power  
3 magnitude.

1                   19. (Original)       The method of claim 13 wherein  
2 converting the dc second signal into control power includes  
3 buck converting the dc second signal.

20. (Cancelled.)

1                   21. (Currently Amended) A welding type power  
2 source capable of receiving a range of input voltages  
3 and frequencies, comprising:

4                   input means for receiving an input power  
5 signal having an input frequency and an input magnitude  
6 and for providing a first signal having a magnitude  
7 responsive to the input magnitude;

8                   converting means for converting, and power  
9 factor correcting by controlling a switch, the first  
10 signal into a dc second signal having a magnitude  
11 independent of the input magnitude, wherein the  
12 converting means is connected to receive the first  
13 signal;

14                   means for providing a welding type output  
15 power signal derived from the dc second signal, wherein  
16 the output power signal and has an output frequency  
17 independent of the input frequency and further has an  
18 output voltage independent of the input voltage, and  
19 wherein the means for providing an output power signal  
20 is disposed to receive the dc second signal;

21                   means for converting the dc second signal into  
22 control power, wherein the control power has a control  
23 power magnitude independent of the input magnitude.

1                   22. (Original)       The apparatus of claim 21,  
2       wherein the first means includes means for rectifying an ac  
3       signal.

1                   23. (Original)       The apparatus of claim 22,  
2       wherein the convertor magnitude is greater than the first  
3       magnitude.

1                   24. (Original)       The apparatus of claim 23,  
2       wherein the converting means includes means for boost  
3       converting the first signal.

1                   25. (Original)       The apparatus of claim 24,  
2       wherein the means for boost converting includes means for  
3       slow voltage switching and slow current switching a switch.

1                   26. (Original)       The apparatus of claim 25,  
2       wherein the means for providing an output power signal  
3       includes means for inverting the dc second signal.

1                   27. (Original)       The apparatus of claim 26  
2       wherein the means for inverting includes means for switching  
3       a snubber.

1                   28. (Original)       The apparatus of claim 27,  
2       wherein the converter magnitude is greater than the control  
3       power magnitude.

1                   29. (Original)       The apparatus of claim 28  
2       wherein the means for converting the dc second signal into  
3       control power includes means for buck converting the dc  
4       second signal.

1           30. (Currently Amended) A welding type power  
2 source capable of receiving a range of input voltages  
3 and frequencies, comprising:  
4           a dc bus;  
5           an output circuit configured, having a control  
6 input and to receive the dc bus and provide a welding  
7 type output power signal having an output frequency  
8 independent of the input frequency and having an output  
9 voltage independent of the input voltage;  
10          a controller, including a power factor  
11 correction circuit, connected to the control input and  
12 further having a controller power input; and  
13          a control power circuit configured to receive  
14 the dc bus and provide a control power signal to the  
15 controller power input.

1           31. (Original)       The apparatus of claim 30,  
2 wherein the output circuit includes an inverter.

1           32. (Original)       The apparatus of claim 31,  
2 wherein the output circuit includes a switched snubber.

1           33. (Original)       The apparatus of claim 30,  
2 wherein the dc bus has a magnitude is greater than a  
3 magnitude of the control power signal.

1           34. (Original)       The apparatus of claim 30  
2 wherein the control power circuit includes a buck converter.

35-36.       (Cancelled.)

1           37. (New)       A welding type power source  
2 capable of receiving a range of input voltages and  
3 frequencies, comprising:

4           an input circuit configured to receive an  
5           input power signal having an input frequency and an  
6           input magnitude and provide a first signal having a  
7           magnitude responsive to the input magnitude;  
8           a preregulator configured to receive the first  
9           signal and provide a dc second signal having a  
10          preregulator magnitude independent of the input  
11          magnitude;  
12          an output circuit configured to receive the dc  
13          second signal and provide a welding type output power  
14          signal having an output frequency independent of the  
15          input frequency and having an output voltage independent  
16          of the input voltage;  
17          a preregulator controller, connected to the  
18          preregulator, and further having a controller power  
19          input; and  
20          a control power circuit configured to receive  
21          the dc second signal and provide a control power signal  
22          to the controller power input, wherein the controller  
23          power signal has a control power magnitude independent  
24          of the input magnitude and a control frequency  
25          independent of the input frequency, without  
26          reconfiguring the control power circuit.

1           38. (New)       The apparatus of claim 37, wherein  
2           the input circuit includes a rectifier.

1           39. (New)       The apparatus of claim 37, wherein  
2           the preregulator magnitude is greater than the first  
3           magnitude.

1           40. (New)       The apparatus of claim 39, wherein  
2           the preregulator includes a boost converter.

1                   41. (New)       The apparatus of claim 40, wherein  
2 the boost converter includes a slow voltage switched switch  
3 and a slow current switched switch.

1                   42. (New)       The apparatus of claim 39, wherein  
2 the output circuit includes an inverter.

1                   43. (New)       The apparatus of claim 39 wherein  
2 the output circuit includes a switched snubber.

1                   44. (New)       The apparatus of claim 39, wherein  
2 the preregulator magnitude is greater than the control power  
3 magnitude.

1                   45. (New)       The apparatus of claim 39 wherein  
2 the control power circuit includes a buck converter.

1                   46. (New)       A method of providing welding type  
2 power from a range of input voltages and frequencies,  
3 comprising:

4                   receiving an input power signal having an  
5 input frequency and an input magnitude;

6                   providing a first signal having a magnitude  
7 responsive to the input magnitude;

8                   converting the first signal into a dc second  
9 signal having a second magnitude independent of the  
10 input magnitude;

11                  providing an output power signal derived from  
12 the dc second signal, wherein the output power signal is  
13 a welding type output and has an output frequency  
14 independent of the input frequency and further has an  
15 output voltage independent of the input voltage; and

16                  converting the dc second signal into control  
17 power, without reconfiguring a control power circuit,



18            wherein the control power has a control power magnitude  
19            independent of the input magnitude.

1            47. (New)        The method of claim 46, wherein  
2            providing a first signal includes rectifying an ac signal.

1            48. (New)        The method of claim 46, wherein the  
2            second magnitude is greater than the first magnitude.

1            49. (New)        The method of claim 48, wherein  
2            converting the first signal into a dc second signal includes  
3            boost converting the first signal.

1            50. (New)        The method of claim 48, wherein  
2            boost converting the first signal includes a slow voltage  
3            switching and slow current switching a switch.

1            51. (New)        The method of claim 48, wherein  
2            providing an output power signal includes inverting the dc  
3            second signal.

1            52. (New)        The method of claim 48, wherein  
2            inverting the dc second signal includes switching a snubber.

1            53. (New)        The method of claim 48, wherein the  
2            second magnitude is greater than the control power magnitude.

1            54. (New)        The method of claim 48, wherein  
2            converting the dc second signal into control power includes  
3            buck converting the dc second signal.

1            55. (New)        A welding type power source capable  
2            of receiving a range of input voltages and frequencies,  
3            comprising:

4                   input means for receiving an input power  
5                   signal having an input frequency and an input magnitude  
6                   and for providing a first signal having a magnitude  
7                   responsive to the input magnitude;

8                   converting means for converting the first  
9                   signal into a dc second signal having a magnitude  
10                  independent of the input magnitude, wherein the  
11                  converting means is connected to receive the first  
12                  signal;

13                  means for providing a welding type output  
14                  power signal derived from the dc second signal, wherein  
15                  the output power signal and has an output frequency  
16                  independent of the input frequency and further has an  
17                  output voltage independent of the input voltage, and  
18                  wherein the means for providing an output power signal  
19                  is disposed to receive the dc second signal;

20                  means for converting the dc second signal into  
21                  control power, without reconfiguring, wherein the  
22                  control power has a control power magnitude independent  
23                  of the input magnitude.

1                   56. (New)       The apparatus of claim 55, wherein  
2                   the first means includes means for rectifying an ac signal.

1                   57. (New)       The apparatus of claim 56, wherein  
2                   the convertor magnitude is greater than the first magnitude.

1                   58. (New)       The apparatus of claim 57, wherein  
2                   the converting means includes means for boost converting the  
3                   first signal.

1                   59. (New)       The apparatus of claim 58, wherein  
2                   the means for boost converting includes means for slow  
3                   voltage switching and slow current switching a switch.

1                   60. (New)       The apparatus of claim 59, wherein  
2 the means for providing an output power signal includes means  
3 for inverting the dc second signal.

1                   61. (New)       The apparatus of claim 60, wherein  
2 the means for inverting includes means for switching a  
3 snubber.

1                   62. (New)       The apparatus of claim 61, wherein  
2 the converter magnitude is greater than the control power  
3 magnitude.

1                   63. (New)       The apparatus of claim 62 wherein  
2 the means for converting the dc second signal into control  
3 power includes means for buck converting the dc second  
4 signal.

1                   64. (New)       A welding type power source capable  
2 of receiving a range of input voltages and frequencies,  
3 comprising:

4                   an input circuit configured to receive an  
5 input power signal having an input frequency and an  
6 input magnitude and provide a first signal having a  
7 magnitude responsive to the input magnitude;

8                   a preregulator configured to receive the first  
9 signal and provide a dc second signal having a  
10 preregulator magnitude independent of the input  
11 magnitude;

12                  an output circuit configured to receive the dc  
13 second signal and provide a welding type output power  
14 signal having an output frequency independent of the  
15 input frequency and having an output voltage independent  
16 of the input voltage;

17                   a preregulator controller, connected to the  
18 preregulator, and further having a controller power  
19 input;  
20                   a control power circuit configured to receive  
21 the dc second signal and provide a control power signal  
22 to the controller power input, wherein the controller  
23 power signal has a control power magnitude independent  
24 of the input magnitude and a control frequency  
25 independent of the input frequency; and  
26                   an aux power circuit configured to receive the  
27 dc second signal and provide a synthetic AC aux signal  
28 having magnitude independent of the input magnitude and  
29 a frequency independent of the input frequency.

1                   65. (New)       The apparatus of claim 64, wherein  
2 the input circuit includes a rectifier.

1                   66. (New)       The apparatus of claim 64, wherein  
2 the preregulator magnitude is greater than the first  
3 magnitude.

1                   67. (New)       The apparatus of claim 66, wherein  
2 the preregulator includes a boost converter.

1                   68. (New)       The apparatus of claim 67, wherein  
2 the boost converter includes a slow voltage switched switch  
3 and a slow current switched switch.

1                   69. (New)       The apparatus of claim 67, wherein  
2 the output circuit includes an inverter.

1                   70. (New)       The apparatus of claim 67, wherein  
2 the output circuit includes a switched snubber.

1           71. (New)       The apparatus of claim 66, wherein  
2 the preregulator magnitude is greater than the control power  
3 magnitude.

1           72. (New)       The apparatus of claim 66 wherein  
1 the control power circuit includes a buck converter.

1           73. (New)       A method of providing welding type  
2 power from a range of input voltages and frequencies,  
3 comprising:

4               receiving an input power signal having an  
5 input frequency and an input magnitude;

6               providing a first signal having a magnitude  
7 responsive to the input magnitude;

8               converting the first signal into a dc second  
9 signal having a second magnitude independent of the  
10 input magnitude;

11              providing an output power signal derived from  
12 the dc second signal, wherein the output power signal is  
13 a welding type output and has an output frequency  
14 independent of the input frequency and further has an  
15 output voltage independent of the input voltage;

16              converting the dc second signal into control  
17 power, wherein the control power has a control power  
18 magnitude independent of the input magnitude; and

19              inverting the dc second signal into synthetic  
20 AC aux power, wherein the aux power has a control power  
21 magnitude independent of the input magnitude.

1           74. (New)       The method of claim 73, wherein  
2 providing a first signal includes rectifying an ac signal.

1           75. (New)       The method of claim 73, wherein the  
2 second magnitude is greater than the first magnitude.

1                   76. (New)       The method of claim 75, wherein  
2       converting the first signal into a dc second signal includes  
3       boost converting the first signal.

1                   77. (New)       The method of claim 75, wherein  
2       boost converting the first signal includes a slow voltage  
3       switching and slow current switching a switch.

1                   78. (New)       The method of claim 75, wherein  
2       providing an output power signal includes inverting the dc  
3       second signal.

1                   79. (New)       The method of claim 75, wherein  
2       inverting the dc second signal includes switching a snubber.

1                   80. (New)       The method of claim 75, wherein the  
2       second magnitude is greater than the control power magnitude.

1                   81. (New)       The method of claim 75, wherein  
2       converting the dc second signal into control power includes  
3       buck converting the dc second signal.

1                   82. (New)       A method of providing welding type  
2       power from a range of input voltages and frequencies,  
3       comprising:

4                   rectifying an input power signal having an  
5       input frequency and an input magnitude to provide a  
6       rectified signal having a rectified magnitude responsive  
7       to the input magnitude;

8                   boost converting, including slow voltage  
9       switching and slow current switching, the rectified  
10       signal to provide a boost dc signal having a boost

11 magnitude greater than and independent of the rectified  
12 input magnitude;  
13 inverting, including switching a snubber, the  
14 dc second signal to provide a welding type power output  
15 having an output frequency independent of the input  
16 frequency and having an output voltage independent of  
17 the rectified magnitude;  
18 converting the boost dc signal to provide a  
19 control power signal, wherein the control power signal  
20 has a control power magnitude less than and independent  
21 of the boost magnitude, and a control frequency  
22 independent of the input frequency; and  
23 inverting the boost dc signal to provide a  
24 synthetic AC aux power signal, wherein the aux power  
25 signal has a magnitude less than and independent of the  
26 boost magnitude, and a frequency independent of the  
27 input frequency.

1 83. (New) A welding type power source capable  
2 of receiving a range of input voltages and frequencies,  
3 comprising:  
4 input means for receiving an input power  
5 signal having an input frequency and an input magnitude  
6 and for providing a first signal having a magnitude  
7 responsive to the input magnitude;  
8 converting means for converting the first  
9 signal into a dc second signal having a magnitude  
10 independent of the input magnitude, wherein the  
11 converting means is connected to receive the first  
12 signal;  
13 means for providing a welding type output  
14 power signal derived from the dc second signal, wherein  
15 the output power signal and has an output frequency  
16 independent of the input frequency and further has an

17           output voltage independent of the input voltage, and  
18           wherein the means for providing an output power signal  
19           is disposed to receive the dc second signal;  
20                 means for converting the dc second signal into  
21           control power, wherein the control power has a control  
22           power magnitude independent of the input magnitude; and  
23                 means for inverting the dc second signal into  
24           synthetic AC aux power, wherein the aux power has a  
25           control power magnitude independent of the input  
26           magnitude.

1                   84.   (New)       The apparatus of claim 83, wherein  
2           the first means includes means for rectifying an ac signal.

1                   85.   (New)       The apparatus of claim 84, wherein  
2           the convertor magnitude is greater than the first magnitude.

1                   86.   (New)       The apparatus of claim 85, wherein  
2           the converting means includes means for boost converting the  
3           first signal.

1                   87.   (New)       The apparatus of claim 80, wherein  
2           the means for boost converting includes means for slow  
3           voltage switching and slow current switching a switch.

1                   88.   (New)       The apparatus of claim 87, wherein  
2           the means for providing an output power signal includes means  
3           for inverting the dc second signal.

1                   89.   (New)       The apparatus of claim 88 wherein  
2           the means for inverting includes means for switching a  
3           snubber.



1                   90. (New)       The apparatus of claim 89, wherein  
2 the converter magnitude is greater than the control power  
3 magnitude.

1                   91. (New)       The apparatus of claim 90, wherein  
2 the means for converting the dc second signal into control  
3 power includes means for buck converting the dc second  
4 signal.

1                   92. (New)       A welding type power source capable  
2 of receiving a range of input voltages and frequencies,  
3 comprising:

4                   a dc bus;

5                   an output circuit configured, having a control  
6 input and to receive the dc bus and provide a welding  
7 type output power signal having an output frequency  
8 independent of the input frequency and having an output  
9 voltage independent of the input voltage;

10                  a controller, connected to the control input  
11 and further having a controller power input;

12                  a control power circuit configured to receive  
13 the dc bus and provide a control power signal to the  
14 controller power input; and

15                  an aux power circuit configured to invert the  
16 dc bus and provide synthetic AC aux power signal.

1                   93. (New)       The apparatus of claim 92, wherein  
2 the output circuit includes an inverter.

1                   94. (New)       The apparatus of claim 93, wherein  
2 the output circuit includes a switched snubber.

1                   95. (New)       The apparatus of claim 92, wherein  
2 the dc bus has a magnitude is greater than a magnitude of the  
3 control power signal.

1                   96. (New)       The apparatus of claim 92 wherein  
2 the control power circuit includes a buck converter.

1                   97. (New)       A method of providing welding type  
2 power from a range of input voltages and frequencies,  
3 comprising:

4                   receiving a dc bus having a dc magnitude;  
5                   providing an output power signal derived from  
6 the dc bus, wherein the output power signal is a welding  
7 type output; and

8                   converting the dc bus into control power,  
9 wherein the control power has a control power magnitude  
10 independent of the dc magnitude;

11                  providing the control power to a controller  
12 configured to control the output power; and

13                  inverting the dc bus into synthetic AC aux  
14 power.

1                   98. (New)       A method of starting to provide  
2 welding type power from a range of input voltages and  
3 frequencies, comprising:

4                   receiving an input power signal having an  
5 input frequency and an input magnitude;

6                   providing a first dc signal having a first dc  
7 magnitude responsive to the input magnitude;

8                   deriving a second dc voltage having a second  
9 dc magnitude less than the first dc magnitude;

10                  controlling a control converter with the  
11 second dc voltage to produce a control dc voltage;

12                   controlling an output converter with the  
13           control dc voltage to produce an output signal; and  
14                   inverting the second dc voltage to produce a  
15           synthetic AC aux signal.